

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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Title: NUCLEOSIDE DERIVATIVES  
FOR TREATING HEPATITIS C  
VIRUS INFECTION  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated 11 April 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application. This Office Action sets a three month shortened statutory period to reply to 11 July 2007. This Response is filed on or before 11 October 2007 with a petition and fee for a three month extension of time. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 25 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: